

Highway Projects with Freight Benefits

Some highway projects specifically improve conditions for freight, but most often, improved freight mobility is just one part of a project's overall benefits. The Nickel Fund projects listed below are considered to have freight benefits because they are in an area that has a high volume of truck traffic, are near a port or international border, or make it easier for large or heavy trucks to maneuver more safely and efficiently.

2003-05 Nickel Fund		
Highway Improvement Projects with Freight Benefits		
State Route	Project Name	
1. 003	SR 3/SR 303 Interchange (Waaga Way) – New Ramp	
2. 005	I-5/ 2nd Street Bridge Replacement	
3. 005	I-5 NE 175th Street to NE 205th St. Northbound Lane	
4. 005	I-5/ Salmon Creek to I-205 General Purpose Lanes	
5. 009	SR 9/ Nooksack Road Vicinity to Cherry Street	
6. 024	SR 24/ I-82 to Keys Road	
7. 031	SR 31/ Metaline Falls to International Border	
8. 090	I-90/ Argonne Road to Pines Road Widen	
9. 090	I-90/ Pines Road to Sullivan Road Widen	
10. 090	I-90/ Cle Elum River Bridge	
11. 090	I-90/ Highline Canal to Elk Heights	
12. 090	I-90/ Ryegrass Summit to Vantage	
13. 395	NSC-Francis Avenue to Farwell Road	
14. 522	SR 522/ I-5 to SR 405 Multimodal Project	
15. 543	SR 543/ I-5 to International Boundary	

Highlights of Selected Freight-Benefit Projects

- ✓ [I-5 – 2nd Street Bridge Replacement in Mount Vernon](#): Replace the low-clearance 2nd Street Bridge to eliminate a through-city detour now required for over-height trucks. Eliminates the risk of over height trucks hitting the bridge on the busy I-5 mainline.
- ✓ [SR 9 Nooksack Road Vicinity to Cherry Street in Whatcom County](#): Constructs a new highway alignment from Nooksack Road to Cherry Street to alleviate weather-related load restrictions and reduce the number and severity of accidents; also improves freight mobility across the Canadian Border. There will be two lanes when this project is completed.
- ✓ [SR 31 – Metaline Falls to Canadian Border Reconstruction](#): Reconstructs SR 31 for all-weather operation of legal loads from Metaline Falls to the Canadian border. This will allow for removal of seasonal weight restrictions for trucks.

- ✓ **SR 543 – I-5 to the International Border near Blaine**: Constructs new lanes between Boblett Street and the Canadian border for a separate truck route to address congestion and safety issues on SR 543. Constructs a new interchange at “D” Street. There are currently two lanes. There will be four lanes when this project is completed.